

**REGULAR RECESSED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, AT 5:30 P. M.
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a regular recessed meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Demetropoulos called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Steve Demetropoulos
Councilwoman Jennifer Colmer
Councilman Willie C. Jones
Councilman Felix Fornett
Councilman Stephen Burrow
Councilman Matt Parker
Councilman Scott Tipton was absent.

City Manager Michael Silverman
City Attorney Michael Moore
City Clerk Karen Kennedy

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi has recessed its regular meeting held on the 6th day of April, 2021. The next recessed regular meeting will be held in the City Hall of said City at 5:30 p.m. on the 13th day of April, 2021, at which recessed regular meeting the City Council will deal with all of those items of public business that are properly presented for consideration.

Dated the 6th day of April, 2021, and posted in the lobby of City Hall at 7:55 p.m. of said date.

CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Carol Groen
CAROL GROEN, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Demetropoulos welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Jones. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Fornett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Jones made a motion to enter a closed session to determine whether or not to declare an executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burrow, and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos “AYE”, Councilmen Colmer “AYE”, Jones “AYE”, Fornett “AYE”, Burrow “AYE”, Parker “AYE”, and Tipton “ABSENT”.

Councilman Burrow made a motion to go into executive session for potential litigation regarding 3115 Francis Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Parker and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos “AYE”, Councilmen Colmer “AYE”, Jones “AYE”, Fornett “AYE”, Burrow “AYE”, Parker “AYE”, and Tipton “ABSENT”. Council voted to enter executive session regarding this item because discussion of said item in open session would be detrimental to the City and discussion of the potential litigation item in an open meeting could be detrimental to the City’s litigation position. Michael Silverman, City Manager, announced to the public and those in attendance that the Council had voted to go into executive session for the purpose stated above. The Council then began executive session.

Councilman Burrow made a motion to close executive session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fornett and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos “AYE”, Councilmen Colmer “AYE”, Jones “AYE”, Fornett “AYE”, Burrow “AYE”, Parker “AYE”, and Tipton “ABSENT”.

No formal action was taken in executive session.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Two public hearings were set and properly noticed to be addressed by the City Council regarding the property at 3115 Francis Street: (1) an appeal of a denial of a request for a building permit and (2) a property cleaning hearing pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 21-19-11.

A public hearing was held at this time for an appeal of denial of building permit for property at 3115 Francis Street. This hearing came before the City Council on the Planning Commission’s recommendation to affirm denial of the requested building permit. Donovan Scruggs, Planning Director, provided an update on the parcel and presented pictures and documentation showing the condition of the property. Mr. Scruggs outlined the reasons supporting denial of the requested building permit.

The property owner, Bridget Hutchinson, was present and addressed the Council, along with her attorney, Michael Whitehead. No one else was present to speak for or against the property.

The record of this hearing will remain on file in the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Burrow made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the requested building permit, without prejudice, provided that the property owner submit a new building permit application within two weeks of the date of this hearing, and, further, that the property cleaning hearing pursuant to Section 21-19-11 be continued until the City Council's meeting on May 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Colmer and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos "AYE", Councilmen Colmer "AYE", Jones "AYE", Fornett "AYE", Burrow "AYE", Parker "AYE", and Tipton "ABSENT".

There being no further business to come before the Council tonight, Councilman Burrow made a motion to recess until April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Parker and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos "AYE", Councilmen Colmer "AYE", Jones "AYE", Fornett "AYE", Burrow "AYE", Parker "AYE", and Tipton "ABSENT".

The meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Steve Demetropoulos
Steve Demetropoulos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Kennedy
Karen Kennedy, City Clerk